



1st Infantry Division and Task Force Danger News Release

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CAMP UDAIRI, KUWAIT -- The 1st Infantry Division and Task Force Danger is on the move. Soldiers from the Big Red One have deployed to Kuwait over the last couple weeks to conduct reception, staging, onward movement, and integration (RSOI) tasks.

These tasks include transporting large numbers of personnel and equipment. Approximately 17,000 soldiers are traveling by air on military and chartered commercial aircraft.

Division equipment arrives by sea and is downloaded at a port in Kuwait. Over seven thousand pieces of equipment continue to move into theater including Abrams tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, howitzers, uparmored HMMWVs, and both armed reconnaissance and attack helicopters. Equipment will be downloaded from ships, then quickly organized by unit and configured with crews.

Over the next couple of weeks, soldiers will complete a deliberate integration-training plan, to include significant live fire training to prepare for combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The division is executing a deliberate relief in place with the 4th Infantry Division following extensive reconnaissance and rehearsals. Task Force Danger leadership have conducted multiple reconnaissance missions in the area of operations in order to



gain situational awareness, conduct deliberate rehearsals, and establish relationships that are conducive to sharing information and lessons learned. Soldiers and units at every echelon are well trained and understand the environment.

While in Iraq, the 1st Infantry Division will conduct combat operations against forces that oppose the new Iraqi freedom and will simultaneously conduct stability operations to create a safe and secure environment to assist the Iraqi people to take charge of their country.

Soldiers are prepared to kill or capture the enemy while simultaneously setting the conditions for Iraqi military and civil self-reliance. In concert with Iraqi Security Services, the division will establish a safe and secure environment for the good people of Iraq.

Task Force Danger consists of Germany-based 1st Infantry Division units along with the 30th Brigade Combat Team "Old Hickory" based in North Carolina, comprised of soldiers from nine different states. The 25th Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team joins the task force once the division assumes the mission from the 4th Infantry Division.